

PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH



Figure 1. A large, dark, rectangular object, possibly a piece of equipment or a container, with a lighter-colored, possibly metallic, top surface. The object is positioned in the foreground, and the background is dark and indistinct.

MAILS EXPECTED

The *O. and O. steamer Belgic*, with the next American mail, leaves Yokohama on the 7th, and may be expected to arrive here to-morrow, the 13th instant.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

THE authorised List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published in the *Standard*, and which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

MAIL WILL CLOSE

For Swatow, Amoy, and Yenchow. — Per *Douglas*, to-day, the 12th inst., at 11.30 A.M.

For Manoa and Manila. — Per *Aijah*, to-day, the 12th inst., at 2.30 P.M.

For Saigon. — Per *Charles Townsend Hook*, to-day, the 13th inst., at 5 P.M.

For Saigon. — To-day, the 13th instant, at P.M.

For Bangkok. — Per *Consolation*, to-morrow, the 14th inst., at 5 P.M.

For Straits Settlements and Calcutta. — Per *Moray* and Japan, on Saturday, the 14th inst., at 2.30 P.M.

For Manila. — Per *Esmeralda*, on Saturday, the 14th inst., at 3.30 P.M.

For Japan, via Kobe. — Per *Nigata Maru*, on Friday, the 20th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Nagasaki and Yokohama. — Per *Sunda*, on Tuesday, the 24th instant, at 5.30 A.M.

For Straits Settlements and Bombay. — Per China, on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at 3.30 P.M.

His Excellency the Governor is pleased to order under Section XII. of the Post Office Ordinance, 1876, that the Late Fee charged on Correspondence posted after certain hours for Europe, America, the Australian Colonies, the Straits Settlements, India, Pondicherry, Malacca, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar, shall be 10 Cents instead of 12 as hitherto.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet "AMAZON" will be despatched on MONDAY, the 16th August, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, Calcutta, Pondicherry, Malacca, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet "BATENA" will be despatched on MONDAY, the 23rd of August, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Brindisi; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

Australian Colonies.

**HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT
MAILS.**

THE PRINCE MAIL.

SATURDAY—

5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office
closes, except the night box, which is always
open out of office hours.

MUNDAY—

7 A.M., Post Office opens.

10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting
of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Letters.

11.30 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee
of 10 cents until

11.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.

11.40 A.M., Late Letters may be posted on board
the steamer with Late Fee of 18 Cents until
time of departure.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.—DAY OF DEPARTURE.

1 P.M., Money Order Office closes.

3 P.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of
all printed matter and patterns ceases.

4 P.M., Mail closed, except for Late Letters.

4.10 P.M., Letters may be posted with Late
Fee of 10 cents until

4.30 P.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.

4.40 P.M., Late Letters may be posted on board
the steamer with Late Fee of 10 cents until
time of departure.

SHIPS OF THE UNITED STATES

PACKET.
The United States' Mail Packet "BELGIC"

will be despatched on **TUESDAY**, the 24th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, etc. etc. etc. The rates will be as follows:—
S. M. S. M. Registry cards.
2.30 P.M. Post Office closes, but Letters (excepted for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra. Postage on Letters of departure.
Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay, cannot be sent by this route.

REGULATIONS AS TO SOLDIERS' AND GAIOLERS' LETTERS.

1.—Privates in H.M. Army or Navy, Non-commissioned Officers, Army Schoolmasters and Soldiers of the Royal Marines, or Soldiers or Sailors in the Royal Navy, or in the Royal Marines, may send half-crown letters to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or via Marseilles at the rate of four cents (twopence) each, which may be prepaid either in Imperial or in Hong-kong currency.

2.—The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Privates and Non-commissioned Officers named above.

3.—All such letters prepaid at the former rate of four cents (one penny) will be forwarded to or from the United Kingdom by private steamer and not by the mail packets.

4.—Private steamers leave Hongkong for

5.—The letters must not exceed half an ounce.

No handkerchiefs, jewellery, &c., can be sent, even with the ends open.

6.—If from a Soldier or Sailor his class and description must be stated in full on the letter, the cover of which must be signed by the Commanding Officer, with name of regiment, &c., &c., in full.

7.—If sent to a Soldier or Sailor, his class and description, name of regiment, &c., &c., must be stated in full.

8.—Soldiers and Sailors have no privileges with regard to books or papers, nor can these be prepaid with Imperial Stamps.

9.—But not Warrant Officers, Assistant Engineers, Gunner, Boatmen, or Carpenter.

Many boxes of letters are received at the Post Office not sealed, so to say, the box is fastened with sealing wax, but there is no impression of a seal.

The attention of boxholders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with sealing wax, in order of sending a clear book or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves a doubt as to whether the contents of the box ever reached the Post Office; the omission of the former, as to whether they might not have been abstracted for the sake of the Postage Stamps.

of money to or from this Colony and between the Ports of China, the Pacific Ocean and Agents

The Stamps tendered for sale must not exceed \$800 value, must be perfectly clean, in good condition, and in strips of at least two, no separate Stamps will be purchased. They must be presented personally or accompanied by a note.

Stamps containing Stamps should be registered, and the Stamps should be secured from observation.

REGULATIONS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF LOCAL MONEY ORDERS.

1.—The Post Office at Hongkong issues Money Orders on the Empire of Japan, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Port Darwin, the Straits Settlements, and Western Australia.

2.—Money Orders may also be obtained at the British Post Office, Shanghai, on any of the above places except Japan.

3.—The exchange of Local Money Orders between Hongkong and Shanghai continues as heretofore, subject to the rates laid down in the next paragraph.

4.—The Commission to be charged on all Money Orders named above is follows:—

For a sum not exceeding \$3 or \$25.....	25 Cents.
From \$5 to £10, or \$35 to \$50.....	50 Cents.
From £10 to £20, or \$50 to \$75.....	75 Cents.

There will more than two such Orders to £50, nor less than one, in favour of the same party, by the same mail.

6.—Sums not exceeding \$50 may be remitted between the other Ports of China by means of Postal Notes, subject to a charge of one per cent, for cashing them.

